

Syracuse — Feb. 13. 1862

Dear Garrison.

I hasten to send you the
enclosed, which, when you have
read it, I wish you would re-
turn to me. — It has given me
pain because, I suppose
it does really seem to Mr.
Haughton that you and I
have abandoned our
peace principles. And then,
with other Englishmen, he
has gotten it into his head
that the people of the North
are the aggressors in this
war — that, if we had
chosen to be more considerate
of the wishes, if not
the rights, of our Southern
brethren — at any rate,
if we had been more lenient
towards them — we
might have averted this

horrible catastrophe.

Moreover, he forgets that, very few of our fellow citizens, none of our statesmen excepting Mr. Sumner, have embraced the pacific principles of the Gospel. We are not in the least to blame for this war.

And have we done wrong in wishing that one of the parties in this horrid conflict should be victorious rather than the other; and in doing what we may to ensure the best result? I expect that we shall derive from this war innumerable evidences & illustrations of the folly and wickedness of resorting to deadly weapons to settle a question of right & wrong or even to obtain

to maintain liberty. But
as our countrymen have
plunged into a civil war,
and evidently mean to
fight it out - I think
the most pacific men
may and should do
all they can to lessen as
much as possible the
horrors of the conflict,
and bring it to the
most desirable ter-
mination.

I reached home at 2
P.M. on Monday last -
my suffered less in con-
vience than I affec-
tioned. The next day
I went five miles out
of the City and officiated
at the funeral of a Mr. Burk,

And yesterday officiated
at the burial of my good
friend Sloman Thorpe. -

Today I am weak but
in other respects better.

On the way from Albany
I had a long and exciting
conversation ^{with} a Kentucky
Union man - but a good
man and unsuspicious
adoocate of Slavery. He
has had his house burned
about his ears and all
his property confiscated.
Nevertheless he declared
that, if he suffered this war
was to tend to the abolition
of Slavery he would re-
nounce the Union, and
become a secessionist -

So much for our Kentucky
brother - Love to Helen
Charlotte & all your family
Yours truly S. J. C. Mead